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W1BB --- 160 METER DX BULLETIN --- W1BB

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de W1BB/Stew --- WOW!!! What a wonderful season this has been thus far, quite exceeding our "Cautious Optimism" of OCT!! All-in-all, looks like it will go down as a real "Jim-Dandy"!! Hasnt been "Top-Notch" every day - has had it's "Ups & Downs" - but the "Ups" have been most EXCELLENT!! Many WACs hv bn made - distance records broken - new countries added - DXpeditions flourished - bigger and better antennas, ground systems, and receiving techniques used!! Rolling up new DXCC Entries wkd been fast & furious!! KV4FZ is up to 95!! and wkd WAC in just over 8 hours!! W5RTQ/559, QSO'd VS6DO/339 1315z No.56C, & "FIRST/EVER" W5/VS6!! PY1RO has wkd more entries than "you can shake a stick at"!! JAs hv bn wkg into Europe and W5 land. Real "Long-Path" opened up DEC 19 2055z when VELMX hrd VK6HD 45min at 559!! VE7UZ wkd GM3YCB. Contests excellent, with record breaking scores. PY2FUS breaks W1BB's distance record by 12 miles, or 11,621 miles!! xyl Helena YV5CKR wks "Muchos" DX "allover the place"!! YS1WPE/Bill activates El Salvador!! (Tnx W5QPI!!) JALMCU wkd 160 fm S21CW and 8Q6AD, "FIRST" time ever on 160!! VS6DO vy "Gung-Ho" 160 wkd much DX!! PY1RO especially active, wkd JA2GQO. Other "Lascious" DX active:: HL1XG, ZE7JY, ST2AY, 414NJ, 414UR, KZ5AA, VK6HD, KL7GKI, ZB2CJ, 4S7GV-w1 QRT Apr, 9L1JT, EP2BQ, JY9FOC, QASV, HC1CW, VP8NP, HH2WF, plus the "Regulars" and many others!! TRANSATLANTIC "First-Timers" tests/condx vy vy poor, but THREE made it!! CONGRATS!! CQ/160 annual "Test" VFB!! - OH3XZ/a "Suprise"! W1BB's "DX-BAROMETER" shows '74/'75 wkd 46C & 150 DX Stns --vs-- 73/74 37C & 116 stns, to date, indicating the btr condx. The DX-WINDOW am happy to report, working "Pretty-Good", tnx to all 'Cooperatants' to keep it 'clear'. HO, NEVER, especially during TESTS, there are too many "Invaders", some deliberately, otrs thru ignorance - we must "WORK" on them!! "SALUDOS" to the strong NA/SA Dx stns who kept out of the WINDOW!! BUT some did operate JUST outside, on EXACT band/edge, 1825k, causing "Spill-Over" into Window by stns wkd them, making 1 or 2 kc unusable. Next time folks, how abt 2 or 3 kc below Window??? Tnx!! READ!!! OH2BH/Martin's 'Thought-provoking', and amusing "HOW TO WORK DX ON TOP BAND", in Worldradio V4N7 Jan '75!! "NOW HEAR THIS"!! fellows - starting NOW, please "Hold-Back" on all correspondence t to W1BB, except unusual & important DX matters, (Mark envelope URGENT/IMPORTANT). Am "Closing-up" here so Marguerite and I can go to visit my SON in KH6 & take SOUTH PACIFIC cruise to VR2, ZKL, VK, ZL, etc. and fm now on until middle of summer, most mail will just be piled up by my caretaker and unopened. NOTE!! SPRING issue this yr omitted because of South Pacific trip!! (SORRY!! cant take 160 along!!) BULLETIN POLICY!! 3 issues FALL, WINTER, SPRING. Free to active W/VE DXers, who keep S.A.S.E.s at W1BB. Also to DX who send 3 IRCs per issue. BECAUSE of the great upsurge of 160 activity, there's more NEWS coming in than 6 page BULL can handle - if some of yours is left out - I'm vy sorry - do my best!! ALSO those who send copies of LOGS - VERY interesting to me, and avidly read and appreciated, but cannot handle in BULL!! ALSO on contests, remember, main point is to mail results/log/comments in to sponsor - I do not attempt to "Cover" or report Contests thoroughly. BUT again, LOGS and items sent here avidly read, and some highlights used. Tnx!!

NOW!!! Guess it is time to "Sign-Off", until this coming FALL

HAPPY DAYS to 'yall and BEST of DX on 160 always!!

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LEADING "TOP-TEN" in DXCC 160 COUNTRIES WORKED -- W1BB/121, KV4FZ/95, W6ANO/85, W1HCT/80, W9PNE/71, W4BRB/70, W2BP/65, PY1RO/62, K4CIA/60, W8LJI/58. This is as "up-to-date" as I have it at moment - it may not be quite accurate - if not, please advise. NOTE QSLs must be on hand. Jkd but no QSL on hand does not count. NEXT list, will be "TOP-20" worked - OK????!!

REAL LONG PATH!!! VELUX/Harley Dec19 2045-2105z 1804k Hrd VK6HD Q5/S4/5 CQ - old&old but Nil, "He wasn't hearing EUs either becuz GD4BEG & otrs cld hm - day B4 Cdm to Eu fantastic! GM3YCB cld me say! VK6HD on my fy - cldnt hr hm - but today 20:12!! I was real "shock-up"/thrilled!!" Tnx Harley and CONGRATS - ari no Q - proves how unusual/wonderful/unpredictable 160 DX can be. VK6HD confirms - vfb

ANOTHER VFB "RECORD" - WAC IN 8 HOURS!!! Herb/KV4FZ, ARRL/160 test Dec6 wkd 9L1JT, H2W1F, 4X4NJ, GD4BEG, FY0BHI, KH6CHC.!! Also brings his total to 95C. EXCELLENT/CONGRATS!! - Any otr claimants to this distinction?? (W1BB made WAC in 18 hrs CQ/AB/CW Nov23 wkg OD5, CT3, G, 4W, K6, KH6) This shows what a superb set-up, 300' BC tower, many ants, space diversity, 3 receivers, oceanside QTH, excellent conditions, and a VFB operator can do!!

SIERRA LEONE 9L1JT/Jim(K4ZIN/5) "As/of Jan7 49DX Qs (18/P fm Mt Top) w/FT101, dipole @ 50' - sun gud openings - got on to help few who asked me to, but nw enjoy challenge. Skeds Sat AM 0630-0730. Weekdays 0630-0700. Tue&Thu 2300 approx. QRV26, QSI 1F & 24p - QSL W3NHK whom he skeds Tue/Thu 14, 29, 2130z, visitors welcome - WANTS Nebraska on 80 - anyone help?? CONGRATS!! Excellent job -esp VS600!!

W8BAPH/WAL LEADS!! - As/of Jan15 wkd 48C & 143 DX stns GREAT RECORD!! Sez band this season, except for few short spells bn excellent. (Amen!) CONGRATS!! (W1BB smae date, 46C & 138 Stns -?other scores?)

"ISLE 'O MAN" - GD4BEG/Mike sez - "Frustrating season-missed too many gud ones thus far (Jan) - every time I'm not on, something happens!! Missed IZXXF, DJ6SI/13, OJ/WA, 9A1C, 2B2, VS6DO, JA, RK, BRX, FY0BHI, W7DOL/6 - tears!! But "FIRST/EVER" GD to VK6HD - & 1st Afr DJ6QT/CT3. Main problem for Eu is huge teleprinter 1803 spread 4k, S9 plus! All otr comal QRN QSI'd out fm under. Anyone needing GD glad sked" - vfb Mike bt per ur log you HAVE wkd sun excellent DX with genuine 10w - THAT is GOOD!

WHAT'S WORSE ON 160 ?? THAN HEARING SOMEONE WORKING A RARE DX STATION AND YOUR/YOURSELF CANT FIND HIM? Reason?? a. SKIP just isnt 'in' at your QTH, while it is at the other. Experience shows distances as low as 30 miles can make a LOT of diff. sometimes!! b. HIGHER NOISE LEVEL at your QTH can put a "Blanket" over DX c. POORER receiving antenna d. LESS efficient Rx e. YOUR OWN EARS not as sensitive f. YOUR ABILITY/EXPERIENCE to pick weak sigs out of background Noise/Static may not be as good. f. You just cant find his frequency. RIGHT?? (If those concluding QSOs w/DX would give DX/fy, would help

GM3KHH/Bill sez "Did wk UP2XTU/Vlad, believed authentic, NO QSL yet. use FT101, inv V 42' Apex. On 160 since 1955 w/WAEC Jun'57, Maitland Trophy top score '58/'59 & RSGB Test 160 '59" A Technical lecturer, lives in Country, vy QRV/160!! AGREES, w/Xs HARD to get QSLs fm. Gets arnd, bn VS6, JA, HL, H2, PY1RO/ROLF HAS A "PROBLEM"!! Sits on his porch, feet on the rail, looking up at the mountains, and drinks a bottle of CHAMPAGNE for every new Country wkd!! BELL!! fm Oct18-Nov24 he wkd PP8AA, 6Y5LA, DJ6QT/CT3, FY0BHI, ST2AY, 9L1JT bringing him up to 62C (and since then more-hvnt score)!! BUT, that's a lot of Champagne, in 14days!! Sez "I cannot keep up with my Champagne drinking!! "Yeah, you dont want to get TOO stiff over New Countries Rolf!! CONGRATS on your VFB DX. (Now has JA and maybe otrs!

NEW COUNTRY-SUDAN-ST2AY/Roger(G3UPE)-on 160 - Cheers/CONGRATS/Tnx!! "FIRST/EVER" 160 fm there! Oct18 Q 4X4NJ No.1 -- then OK, DJ, G, GM, OH, OE, PA, PY, OD, EP, Many JAs, & "WAC" w/VK6HD!! (W1BB thought it his Country No122 during CQ/CW Test Nov23 but NO!! Word just in - he did NOT wk W1BB, W2QP, W2DEO that test - some "Pirate/Joker" active!! Ho/Hum!!) Only W thus far K1PBN Jan20. Sez NA most difficult area to wk, Back ST2 nw aftr vacation "Trying to give more stations thrill of another new Country".

GREAT!! - for ZE7JX/PETER - RHODESIA ON 160 & QRV!!! w/10w!!! has made over 42 Q w/USA-fine going!! Oct/Nov hrd W1BB, HGT, GWNp, 2DEO, QD, HCN, ("What a marvelous sig")-W4FRB, EX, ONQ, SCF-W8SIZ, W8LJI, SJX, LFT, W8BAPH, "vfb ~~W8BAPH~~ sig", KV4FZ, G6BQ, OK1KPF, ST2AY & otrs, PY1RO, PJ9DM etc. is QRV -IDON & 1804 VFB!

5Z4KL/ANDRE's KENYA OPERATION ~~W8BAPH~~ '73. (Hw GMOVLE/G3VIB) Very Successful!! Logged 109 stns, 71 2way Qs. 11Q/8C on ssb inc 5Z4, 4W1, H29, 9JZ, EP2, G2, G2, G -- and 60Q/18C & WAC on cw - W9, 5Z4, EP2, 4W1, G2, G3, OK1, JA, d, VQ9, XZ4, OE, 9JZ, VK3, EI, G4, DL, PY. CHEERS!! Great JOB!! Hopes fr antr EKOTIC QTH

W1PL/Les KNOCKED OFF ZE7JX Oct25 & nw only needs KH6 for WAC!! (Wkd KH6RS bt no Qsl!!) Gets out fabulously w/ base loaded vert. His QTH & Vert in middle of depressed ground area, like "BOUL". Apparently Les has the FIRST!! -"160 Meter DISH ANTENNA" - it gets out real well, especially when the surface is "Silvered" with a nice coating of fresh SNOW!!!

W1BB SOUND UP 1973/1974 SEASON working 49 Countries and 144 Different DX stations.

ALASKA K1GKT WORKED by K5JVP Nov 10, a real RAR one -- CONGRATS Dave on !! "One up" on most of us!

SPECIAL OK PREFI OK30, OL30 fm Jan 1 to May9'75 to commemorate end of JW-II (de OK1ATP & OK1WCH)

G/swl NORMAN SMITH who has so faithfully reported on TransATLANTIC 160 DX for so many yrs - was in hospital again w/ his 'Shock' problem - but now out again full of 'Fight' & reports the CQ/NW Test Nov 24. Hrd many W/VE. See Ws-1BB, HGT, PL, K1PBN-W2RAA, K2ANR-Wa4SGF-Wa8LJI-HC1XG-PYLRO. Getting around OH w/one cane now but has given up driving. Keep up the vfb SWling Norm - gang all "Pulling" for you.

RARE "P.E.I." ON 160 - John/W6BYB/VE1 w/R4C/T4XC & 73' vert top loaded & 36 Radials. vfb!! John 'Retired' but has DXed as ZH6, SR1GM, IE, HK1QQ, W5SRF, D4AVW. GREAT!! & welcome to 160 John em!!

THEY ALWAYS COME BACK TO 160!! So see W1BB -- and W2SKE/Bill is back (Or was-hvnt hrd lately) - after many yrs. Bill used to hv 160 Meter program weekly over 'Voice of America', and many good comments about these 160 Broadcasts have been received from all over the world. Tax!! Welcome back.

EXPEDITION CREDIT TO ~~W2SKE~~ Jim/W2DEO putting another nice one on 160. 6Y5IA/Jamaica on Nov10/11. You should hrd the 'pileup' he caused!!! ALSO to W2BVN and the boys putting CAYMANS on!! GREAT!!

BEHIND THE 'ROCK OF GIBRALTA' was ZB2CJ, Stan(G3ATU) Oct1-17, QSO'd 24 Eus - but didnt get thru or over 'The ROCK' to W/VE!! However is returning Feb/Mar, maybe permanently. Expects VFB QTH now! vfb

CH2UCB/UCNN-ARS/Dave sez Club fully established for all out CONTEST activities!! Use Inv V @ 70' w/FTL31. Ops G3XZK, Dave, G4BRK/Neil, G4ACC/Ian, G3ZJK/Chris. Last FALL Made 4 "FIRSTS" CW/VP5, LU5, FP5

SHORT ITEMS - G3SZA/Dave has made WAC! CONGRATS! Inc. OD5IQ, ST2AY, 4X4NJ, VP8NP. Nw New QTH. VK6HD!!

PA/SHIP/Willem w/his outstanding sig is going "Great-Guns". Recently added KP4, VP9, HK4S7GV, KD4AG to total 49C maybe few more nw!! CONGRATS!! OJ4MA/Koe-"Market Reef" w/10w Tx will be active at certain times in future!! K3JVF/Dave sez Condix poorer Dec than Nov but wkd TI2, K25, KV4. Only has 13 more to go for 4THAS!! VFB!! W4BRD/GENE clicked off PZ1BC, CP1EV to make it 70C

Hls DXpedition ZD3X/9Y4GS/VP7 Q a resounding "FIRST-EVER"!!! ALL OE CONTEST produced OE5KE, ANL, 3SOA, 2JG hvg many Qs w/ W/Ves best results many yrs. VFB OEs CONGRATS!! "TOP BAND FOREVER" so sez G4BYT "First-Timers" crossing Nov14, Been trying 1 1/2 yrs w/ 1/4 wve hor. Just changed to 35' vert & got 559 - GOOD for 10w!! Congrats Paul and many yrs 160 DX to U!!

USER LOOSENING UP ON 160?? Hungarian SWL HA5/142-Janos, reports hearing W2XTU/Vlad-349 QSO GM3KHH-579, Nov9 1827k - he believes authentic - hope so! CONGRATS CH2BO/Illie!! 4 new ones. OD5H3 4X4UR, ST2AY, PYLRO. Needs Oceania for WAC. EXCELLENT from so far North as OH where dx is really hard to work!! KACIA/BILL

NEW ONES YS1, KG4, HC1, FY5, FP5 to 60C!! CONGRATS! EL SALVADOR YS1WPE/BILL ON PERMANENTLY now!! Tax to W5QPK(YN4IH) who interested him, left W8GDQ Inv L ribbob ant. BILL NEWCOMER/160 a Math/Science teacher, 40yrs, HAM 10 yrs, Home/Detroit, QTH/300' asl, LEARNING CW, progressing excellently - but see B patient & QRS to him! CONGRATS Bill! EP2BQ/Harry REPORTS: New Cc 4U1, K25, 9A1, IV5, 9L1, total 37C !! -"Gud openings to USA often occur after sun rise above horizon - sometimes 45min later! Also bad onr to EU do not mean peer to USA! Biggest suprise, KZ5AA & YV5CKR wkd on apparent dead band - use bent Inv V 65'Aper" -Tax/CONGRATS! VE3ECP/John new/160 w/40' vert & 13 radials. 1st Q VELBZC & HK4BKX. Also KV4, K25, W6, 7 3C & 383. ENJOYS 160!! VOLKE/MIKE CQ/160/TEST vfb. NEW Cc OH3XZ/5, VP9BO, YV108 1st S.A. - 18C in test, 27552 score. Nw 23C tot. See his experience wkg DX - DX usually must hv low noise level reception to wk hm. Knows tt many W/Ves hv same noise problem.

EARLY DX - hrd G3UTC & G3BFF hvg chew @ 1623z/329, DHJ/219. All abt NOON local - BOY!! daylight/DX

SORRY!! VE3DU/Dave "SILENT KEY" - active/160, never a DXer but "One Heck Of A Nice Guy" - will be missed by us all!! KELLY COLLEGE RADIO ELECTRONICS SOCIETY G4COF (G3ZYE/Robin Chm.) hv xy fb all band set-up. w/10w on 160 hv done Eu well - nw trying for W/VE and DX. "Hv an Ear" for 'em boys beam Kelly College!!

HUNGARIAN SWL HA5/swl-142/Janos sent monumental LOG of stns hrd inc many EUs also ST2, 4X4, OD5, JY9 & otr goodies - Congrats & Tax!! OKLERN/MARTIN wkd 29C, 6CONT - awaits one QSL-CONGRATS!! He visited OKIATP, nice chat 160/DXing!!

BLIFF ARMIN Oct/Nov/Dec wkd 7 new C inc rare OJ4MA, 10 diff JAs & VS6DO - SALUDOS!! OKIATP/JARDA sez all OKs nw OK3Os until May - for commemorative 'Liberation' anniv. - nw testing 105' high 2el 160 beam vs Inv V-not conclusive yet. made "FIRST/EVER" ST2AY QSO - FINE!! VE1MX/HARLEY REPORTS: Nw 39C, latest 9L1JT 6Jan -excellent DX to Eu! Since Sep New Cc-FP8, K25, VP2M, FY5, HH2. "Got-Aways"-ZE7JX, EP2BQ, H18LC, OH2BO, HR2HH, W4BGO, TI2B2GS. Hrd GM3YCB Qso VE7UZ, quite a trick, over pole!! vfb/tax!! VE7UZ/VIC MAKES WONDRFUL NEW "FIRST/EVER" QSOing GM3YCB Jan2/3 0835 also G5WP 6Y15. HOORAY!!! Sez "DX-Window" cluttered w/AMs out VE7 way, W6, 7VE7s etc. (Shud wk on 'em constantly to QST!!) CONGRATULATIONS GLENN 4S7GV in CEYLON/Indian Ocean, for trying valiantly w/low pwr & High noise to QSO W/VE - has wkd mazy EUs and VS6DO!! SALUDOS em fr hvg such "Patience & Perseverance". Moving QTH Apr/back on 160 if poss.

W9PNE/BRICE STILL QRPing!! 5watts 8C, 49S, 2cont. 7 1/2watts 9C, 49S, 3cont. Uses 456' flat top w/40' vert feed sect in middle. SUPER!! A real accomplishment!! On all rige nw has total 71C w/ GD4B7G Jan4, W3MSN/LARRY w/dipole 7ft!!! off grd in bushes wkd 10 stns fm MD inc NY & NC. "Will wonders ever cease"??? "FATHER & SON" 160 TEAM!! VERAXT's Son Steve 16 became recent recruit to 160 as VE1BC2 w/10C thus far! Homebrew rig 40w w/InvV. NEW: GD4, ZF1, 6Y3, TI2, KP4. "Band ba gud to West" FB

G3VYF/MIKE back College -"Lotsa time to think but not fr operating!! Hv to make up fr it ltr"!!

ANYONE NEED NEVADA??? W7ABX/Joe glad to oblige - write for schedule!!

G3ZYX/TREV still has duty on HMS "Argonaut" - home occasionally - hopes help VOLKE break his early QSO record of 1802z. May visit USA w/FT101 as G3ZYX/W1 - hopes!! PRIVATE CONTEST Btw G3RCQ vs G3SVL pals to see who on wk most DX 74/75. Both bn preparing Rigs/Ants thru summer. WINNER gets trophy called DITT - or "Dx Triers Trophy" - LOTSA rivalry!! Luck boys and may the best man win - Hows it coming?? ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ been "laid-up" sevrl Mos, bt bk on nw -srll!--G3VJZ/DICK has but bk on nw. OKIMW/MARTIN has needed QSLs & sending for WAC nw - VFB!! GM3YCB/STUART has noise problem somewhere along his 2500' IW ant - but "Try and Find it" !! Fm some house alongside. Hearing lot'sa DX the & wkg sun! VK6,VS6,KV4,Wa,JA6GG,JA2UEO - vfb!! CONGRATS KZ5AA & G38ZA on "FIRST/EVER" KZ/G-160 Dec1'74,Excellent!! G3LIQ/DENIS MADE "FIRST/EVER" G/457, QSOing 457GV/Glen Nec9 0028z CONGRATS both!! Nec13 Denis made 13 DX Qs inc ~~HEARD~~ VP8NP - GREAT!! W4NFI/JIM just wkd PA/SHIP & HH2WF nw up to 54C - nice, for W/ CONGRATS!! "FIRST/EVER" DX/WAS ("States") COMING UP??? PYIRO NW has 44 States. Needs only NH,ND,SD,WYO,NEV,Mont. Believe this WILL be a first - any others in line? Go to it Rolf on & CHAMPAGNE for WAS too!! W4NFC/CHAS-(W2EQS) sez "You hv no idea what horrible SSB "Spletter" is out hr compared to NJ! But NW up to 36C fm hr. (Nice going Chas). Hv hd sum real disappointments tho, almost but not quite wkg luscious DX tt peaked 2 or 3 mins only & was QRM'd!! CONGRATULATIONS QRPper G3XAP with his specially designed ant (R3GB Mag Communications Dec'73) and 5w genuine, phil Q W1BB & was 569 solid for 20 min Jan3'75, "To start the New Year right" he sez W8APH also gave him 569. Has wkd WAC w/9w,5yrs effort, NW trying w/5watts. VFB!! Luck!! CONGRATS PA/SHIP/WILLEM 45C inc VS6DO twice! JAS hr hm bt he no haer 'em - yet -Noise/Loran QRM frustrating! Also hrs W6DAO but nil Q. Trying loop to cut QRM. QSO'd 22 States Sez "Comix Fabulous this season" Hopes to DXpedition CH/OL maybe 75/76. P.E.I.-W6BYB/VEL-JOHN Vy "Gung-Ho" 160 & Dc doing marvelous job wkg DX "Right & Left" fm his QUIET Qth. 1st Month 22z inc OE,KP4,KZ5,HB9,PY1, HK/GM,DL,EI,PA/G,D,9Li etc. 4Cont, 72 DX Qs. Has vert ant & plane "NUCHOS" more RADIALS!!

WEST COAST --- TransPACIFIC --- FAR EAST

BANGLADESH S21CW and MALDIVES 8Q6AD DXpedition w/Jiro/JALMCU vy successful on 160 considering QTHs. FROM S21CW was on 160 3 nites,wkd 18 JAs & VK6HD,4S7DA,HSLAHM. FROM 8Q6AD on 160 5 nites. Wkd 15 JAs & 4S7GV,9M2AX,VS6DO,OH2BO,OH1NW,OH3MG,DL1FF,PA/SHIP,AX4NJ,ST2AY. Jiro sez "Path between USA & S21/8Q6 must be very bad - did not hr single W" -(Right!! Path cndnt B worse - right square ovr ~~INDIA~~ N. Pole, thru middle of AURORAL OVAL) In CQ/AB/NW/CW Test they wkd 10C, 9z, 4lpts score 779. QSLs fr S21CW & 8Q6AG via JA/CUV/1 PO Box 22, MITAKA, Tokyo. CONGRATS Jiro and Boys. EXCELLENT JOB!!!

VS6DO/PAUL-CONGRATULATIONS!! QSOing 9LLJT,PA/SHIP,GM3YCB,KV4PZ,OH2BM,8Q6AG, all "FIRSTS"!! Also DK, DL,ZL,G,OK,VK, many JAs, W6d7. Needs only S.A. fr WAC! Hrd YV/AGP & PYIRO,GREAT JOB 'yer doing!!!

TROUBLE/TROUBLE/TROUBLE!!! Sez K7WQ/Dave "Terrible Line Noise many months - cant clear it - VERY frustrating - limits my active DXing severely. BUT despite line noise hv wkd few new STATES, and "Come Hell or High Water or"HIGH LINE NOISE", I'm gonna wk sun DX this season" - SORRY!! Stick w/it VERY ACTIVE KNOWLEDGEABLE JA2GQO/Kinji QRV 160!! For any/all W/VEs & DX w/LNW to 60' high dipole & "Mini"-LOOP fr receiving to cut LORAN! Wks W Coast easy. Hrd Wa8IJI. On 160 since 1969. Deserves "HONORABLE MENTION" for fine accomplishments!! WAC:: LU5,W5RTQ,VK6,VS6,DL,ST2 -- vfb LOG WK and many QSOs. His WAC No.4 in JA. JA7AO No.1, JALMCU No.2, JA3AA No.3,, JA2GQO No.4 "SALUDOS" to all!! Sez in JA 1800-1806.5 JAMMED 0800-2100z always over 98 by unknown but suspected JAMMER. To QSO one must transmit 1807 to 1808. JA stns wl say QSL 1807-1808. 0800-0900z all OK, No Jamming then. Tux ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

SHORT ITEMS ~~XXXXXX~~ OLD TIMER W7VS/TEMPLE just retired. Congrats! will devote time to 160 - has 3/8 Wve ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ series tuned 100' vert. LUCK and FUN O.T.!! K7IFY/BOB (Enryo) has moved to Renton/Wash & beginning to wk sun Dx - 6Y5,ZF1,VS6,JA,etc - LUCH on at new QTH!! "LUCKY-FELLER"-W6AJJ/Lloyd WKD XV5AC 23Nov'73 on 1804k CONGRATS!! KODIAK ALASKA-KL7GCH/CASEY hears lotas sigs this season but cant work 'em. Sez KL7FA/Douglas also active (See ARRL/160 Test sect.) W7DY/ROGER, Ex W7MRW is putting vfb sig into the East Coast!! FLASH de JA1HKP/JUN sez NG6APP on w/25w 1902z2k and P29KE-w/FT101 on soon. Tux!! SIGNALS HRD IN KODIAK BY KL7GCH:PY2FYS,W9YYP,W8APH,HK/BKX,W6MZO W4NFI,Wa2URS,KH6IL,G2CIL,DHJ 56/7,VE7UZ,W3WT,W5TOS - but NOT ONE Qso!! Bn hrg Magnetic storms at tim & Culdnt wk Anchorage only 270mi. Snow 5' deep. Moving spring btr QTH,ant 55' higher.Many Radials!! TRANS/PACIFIC 160 METER "TESTS" - No word/Reports received from anyone to date. How abt it boys??

LOOKING SOUTH

"SALUDOS" HELENA/YV5CKR who is only "YL" known to be on 160, for most EXCELLENT CW operating, QSOing many stations. Just completed her trip to USA/EU,visiting W1PL-W1BB enroute. On return got HQ180z, tuned up 80 meter ant on 160, and "Away she went". VFB/CONGRATS "GOOD GIRL"!! PROUD OF YOU!!

PARAGUAY ZP9AY/ROBERT on occasionally w/two 80' towers & Irv V, 3/4wve Marconi & dipole w/6000hn 11r - also doing much ORCAR 145mc wk. A real fine O.T. Does excellent job when he gets on!!

WELCOME PY2FUS/RN!! To the 160 "Club" - Newcomer w/excellent sig doing VFB. Uses H.M. Transverter 100w. His ~~XXXXXX~~ sister PY2BCS & He both QRV in "WINDOW" QSL 1800-1805. VFB Congrats. Another YL?? P3

"TEAM-UP" by HCLXG/Pete & HCLON/Chuck on 160 Nov30/Dec1 w/Dipole 250' high at HCLB BC Sta QTH, sez "WHAT a weekend - wkd 200 stns inc G3, OH2, GD4, OH2BO - "FIRST" OH/HC ever, PAJ. ALL gave us 579 except one 569 - QRN killing though" - GLBAT boys and CONGRATS putting HC on 160 DI map!! QASV/PAUL On again GREAT!! Has given many their PERU Country QSO - Trx Paul. HAPPY DXing on 160!!
EXPEDITIONING ZFLDM/DON(W2BVN) in Nov did EXCELLENT job @ "Spanish Bay Reef" CAYMAN. Sez "Was fun operating 160. Wkd all US Dist plus several VEs & 6Y5IA (Jim-W2DEO)(Jim then 'drifted' to 2F & wkd 160 as ZFLMO)-wonderful time Swimming, vfb Wx, etc" -- Fine Business Don em!!

EXPEDITIONING HK/BKX/BARRY(W9UCW) Dec23/Jan18 again wkd out excellently, giving MANY a "New-One". Trx Barry on - BET it was that "Minooka-Special" Ant putting out that VFB signal!! Keep up Gud wkl

WAY DOWN UNDER

VK6awl GEORGE ALLEN sez he's succumbed to NOISE!! the bane of 160, which has built up to point he seldom listens now - a real PITY!! NOISE is the scourge of 160, and has put the "KYBOSCH" on many who otherwise would revel in 160. "POLLUTION" of the airwaves for sure!! WHAT???? Can we do????
VK3OP/PETE anxious QSO Eu, sez Dec/Jan only time can B done. His Fy 1804. Listening 1825-30. (Nxt Yr)
ZLIAH See under ARRL/160 & CQ/WW/CN Tests. ----- VK6HD/Mick CONFIRMS VELMX's hrd! See E Coast/Tx

TESTS and CONTESTS

TRANSATLANTIC "FIRST-TIMERS" DX TESTS:: TEST No.1 Nov17 almost complete "Wash-Out" beca strange condx. Path to OE where by annual "ALL-OE" test inc 160 was quite good. OEs 5ANL, 38QA, 5KEM2JG wkd by many & 3, OKs with sigs "Up & Down" bt excellent at times But OEs not in FT test altho OE2JG wkd by Wb8APH qualified as "FT" - HIS 1st "Crossing". Otherwise not EA a single G or otr Ex hrd/wkl. "Regulars" HB9NL & DL1FF came thru weakly. That's all. Condx to blame - probably!! VOLKE/Mike sez "Wkd 1st timer OH1PBH just B test. During test band went downhill. Disappointed "FT" idea not so generally followed - hrd many O.Ts., seasoned DXers violating it. Suggest future tt those who insist optg do so W/VEs 1805 up, DX20-25 & 30-35" GOOD idea Mike!! K5JVF sez QRN S9 - local sigs only.
TEST No.2 Dec 22nd Condx E/W excellent 2300-0100 but by 0500 path turned more SW. Not so gud fr weak FT sigs. G3XZK/Dave made ONLY FT Crossing, wkg W1HGT & W1BB. (HGT/Ralph sez "I fully support idea of these tests and hope they're continued yearly). Other "Regular" sigs hrd G3RCQ, ZYI, SZA, VIF, GAAPS, EI9J, DL1FF, GD4BEG. G3XZK/Dave sez G3RCE, G3NCF, G4BNO, OE5KP, G4DPT "FTs" also participating. W9NFC/Chas(W2EQS) landed G3ZYI (Cheers!!) VV5CKR, PY2FUS, (Not FTs) & GD4BEG fr Entry No.37!!
TEST NO.3 Jan12th Condx extremely poor. Not a single signal of ANY FT or Regular heard "Across". Not even DHJ - QRN vy high. (Only DX hrd PY1RO, PY2FUS, HK/BKX, KP4AN all NA/EA) Test a complete "NIL" Wb8APH sez not on beca of QRN, but backs Transatlantic First Timers Tests 100% - thinks gud idea!!

CQ/CW/AB/WW TEST Nov 23/24 Was pretty good!! (on 160) Condx opened up nicely - many entries on O W1BB got 2 new C OD5IQ & DJ8QT/CT3 Nw up to 121!! -- PY1RO got 3 new C ZD7PS, ST2AY, ID 9L1JT Nw up to 62!! -- W9NFC/CHAS did excellent job operating 6Y5EF giving out many a new C. 327 Qso, Only 2 EUs hrd bt DLJ vy potent QRN bad 2nd nite -- ZLIAH/JOHN hrd K1PBW, W3GM, 7QID, 8HID, K8CCV/8, Wb8APH, K9WYO, VE7UZ & sez Zls elg but no one would listen on 1876!! (Let tt B a lesson boys!!) -- G3UEG/Dave HAD 1ST Jr op bora Q420, then on to test & wkd W1BB, sez "GREAT MORNING"!! -- DJ6QT/CT3-Walter did "Super" job, 30Q w/12C. K1PBW, W1BB-W2DEO-W3AM, IN, JSX, K3RUQ-W4CQW-W3GM-Wa8IJX, Wb8APH, W4EX plus EN, G, GM GD DL, PY, EV, 9L1, OK, PA, FY. CONGRATS putting NEW COUNTRY on DX map!! -- G3VIF/MIKE wkd 15C, 3cont reports new one, 9H1BX on - vfb!! -- W4MFL/JIM "Test a disaster - QRN S9 plus - wkd 6Y5, KH6 and went to bed!!". -- PA/HTP/WILLEN 12K pts in 4 New C OD5, JY, 8Q6, CT3 - vfb!! -- GM3YOR 23% inc VP8, PY1, VK6, 4X4, ST2, DJ6QT/CT3, 9H1. GREAT!! -- OH2BO New Cs VP8, 8Q6, OD5, 9L1, 9H1 !!! OKIATP 20C, 7Z 4671 points (His in '73, 2596 points) -- W3IN/DON wkd 28 DX stations, as usual Don did great!!

ARRL/160 CW TEST DEC 6/7/8 '74 Was a most excellent "DO" with especially good condx the 2nd nite. QST will report fully but few highlights follow :: W1BB/Ster 213Q-22C-36.72K "Great Time" ---- W5RTO "FLASH"!! EARL QSO'd JA2GQO & UEO plus 5 Eu Countries & all States except KL7 & Wyo. 71, 442pt W8TBZ/Prof. JIM DXpeditioned ZFLTF & did marvelous Job, -- ZLIAH/JOHN 0700-0800 Hrd W1BB, K1PBW, Wa2SRQ, Wa2SPL, W3GM, 5/5s, 6/6s, 3/7s, Wa8IJX, K8CCV/8, W4WU/9, W4W, VE3BMV, KV4FZ. On Sun band sounded 11 20 mtrs!! Has W9IU "Transverter" Nw & wl be on 160 himself soon. CHEERS!! -- W9NFC/CHAS got three new C. Nw score 36C. Made 150Q. Concentrated on DX. -- W4MFL/JIM KV4 ZF1, K25, TI2, KH6. ---- KL7GCH/CASEY "Sigs fm all dist ong in bt took 3 hrs to make 1st W6 contact!! Wkd 4 more, then band QRT. Next day hrd VS6DO S8. Clndt raise bt wkd JALNKP, got S8. Frustrating, cant figger it" Sez he & KL7FA/Doug on quite regularly!! -- W9PNE/Brice w/ 250 milliwatts to 3watts wkd 249Q, 64sect, all states except 7 & 6C. "WOW"!! -- OH2BO/Timo "Fantastic" VS6, HCL, & W/VE "Pileup" - need OCEANIA for WAC -- OKIATP/JARDA 49th Country/9L1JT!! CONGRATS!! Testing beam/339, vs, Drv V/479 - 14 states 672 Pts. Hrd K1PBW/379/0815 1 1/2 hr after sunrise!! -- W3IN/DON 23 Dx stns w/ an "24 HOUR" invisible fine/wire BEVERAGE across road and many neighbors yards - netter 5 EUs I couldnt even hear on VERT!! W2BP/AL wkd DX only - 10C-inc#66C PY8BHI & HH2WF & K6ANI. Both of whom Al had urged to cover 160S

